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Application No.: 10/670,912	)	Examiner: David J. Venci
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For: DEVICE, SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	
OF DETECTING TARGETS IN A	)	
FLUID SAMPLE	)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a statement as specified under § 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the submitted communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. Applicants note that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,020,207, and 5,624,850 on the submitted communication were listed on the Notice of

References Cited attached to the Office Action of September 07, 2007, and of March 17, 2006, respectively.

A copy of the listed non-patent literature document is attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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